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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 remain pending in this application.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-17, 20-21, 24 and 27 are pending and have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 26-33 of copending Application No. 10/253,492. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

Claims 5, 7, 10, 15, 18, 22-23 and 25 are pending and have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting over claims 26-33 of copending Application No. 10/253,492 in view of Saudi et al.

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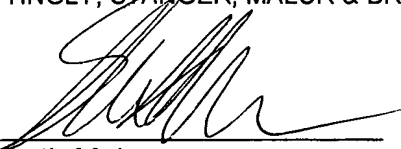
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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